



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 704**

January Session, 2017

Substitute House Bill No. 7284

*House of Representatives, April 25, 2017*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. TONG of the 147th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING STATE IDENTIFICATION FOR INMATES UPON REENTRY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1      Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) The Commissioners of  
2      Correction and Motor Vehicles shall, within available appropriations,  
3      ensure that an inmate possesses a state identification card issued  
4      pursuant to section 1-1h of the general statutes or a motor vehicle  
5      operator's license issued pursuant to chapter 246 of the general statutes  
6      at the time such inmate is released from a correctional facility after  
7      serving any part of a term of imprisonment for a misdemeanor or  
8      felony conviction, provided any such inmate (1) requests and qualifies  
9      for such identification card or license, and (2) pays any fee associated  
10     with obtaining such identification card or license.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section
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**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

"Sentence" was changed to "term of imprisonment" for accuracy.

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

This bill codifies current practice concerning inmate state identification cards and results in no fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB-7284*****AN ACT CONCERNING STATE IDENTIFICATION FOR INMATES  
UPON REENTRY.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the motor vehicles and correction commissioners, within available appropriations, to ensure that an inmate has a state identification card or a driver's license at the time he or she is released from a correctional facility after serving any part of a prison term for a misdemeanor or felony conviction. This requirement only applies if the inmate requests and qualifies for the card or license and pays any associated fee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2017

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 32 Nay 9 (04/07/2017)